

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY

FOR

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR
ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION OF HAZARDOUS
SUBSTANCES AND/OR PETROLEUM-CONTAMINATED SITES

DUE TO THE INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY BY

MAY 11, 2009

12:00 P.M. (Noon) (E.D.T.)

INTRODUCTION

This is a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) issued by the Indiana Brownfields Program (the “Brownfields Program”) on behalf of the Indiana Finance Authority (the “Authority”). The intent of this RFQ is to request technical qualifications from environmental consulting firms (the “Respondents”) interested in providing environmental assessment and remediation services to the Authority consistent with the needs outlined in this RFQ. The Brownfields Program intends to qualify no more than twenty (20) Respondents that meet the threshold and selection criteria outlined in this RFQ.

This RFQ is open to all parties capable and qualified to meet the objectives and requirements described in this document. Please note: consulting firms that are currently qualified for work with the Authority (for the Brownfields Program Trails & Parks Initiative (TPI) and Petroleum Remediation Grant (PRG) incentive) must reply to this RFQ if they wish to be qualified for work under this RFQ, which will not include TPI assessment work or work under the PRG incentive.

Upon receipt, all RFQ submissions will be reviewed for completeness in accordance with the threshold and selection criteria contained in Section V of this RFQ. If threshold criteria are satisfied, the Authority will assess each Respondent’s qualifications based upon the selection criteria set forth in Section V. Responses that meet the threshold and selection criteria set forth below will be evaluated to satisfy the Brownfields Program’s expectation of conducting assessment and remediation work on hazardous substances and/or petroleum contaminated sites statewide. Qualified Respondents will then be placed in a pool and allowed to competitively bid to perform site-specific work identified by the Brownfields Program. The bids that are submitted will be evaluated by Brownfields Program staff, and contracts will be awarded based on responsiveness and proposed cost, among other potential criteria. Qualified Respondents selected to perform environmental consulting activities will then enter into a project-specific contract with the Authority that will address general administrative, performance, and payment aspects of the work.

I. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Respondents are advised that materials contained in qualifications are subject to the Indiana Public Records Act, IC 5-14-3 *et. seq.* Respondents claiming a statutory exception to the Indiana Public Records Act must place all confidential documents (including the requisite number of copies) in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Confidential” and must indicate in the transmittal letter and on the outside of that envelope that confidential materials are included. The Respondent must also specify which statutory exception applies. The Authority reserves the right to make determinations of confidentiality. If the Authority does not agree that the information designated is confidential under one of the disclosure exceptions to the Indiana Public Records Act, it may either reject the qualification or discuss its interpretation of the allowable exceptions with the Respondent. If agreement can be reached, the qualifications will be considered. If agreement cannot be reached, the Authority will remove the qualifications from consideration for award and return the qualifications to the Respondent.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed scope of work under this RFQ consists of providing environmental consulting services for the purpose of assessing and/or remediating Indiana sites contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum. Respondents must be qualified and willing to perform the following general tasks:

- (a) perform Phase I environmental site assessments using the ASTM E1527-05 standard in order to comply with U.S. EPA's All Appropriate Inquiries (AAI) rule (40 C.F.R. Pt. 312.2) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) Risk Integrated System of Closure (RISC) guidelines;
- (b) perform Phase II environmental site assessments, including initial site characterizations (ISC)/further site investigations (FSI) that are compliant with IDEM's RISC guidelines and Indiana's Underground Storage Tank (UST) Rule (329 Ind. Admin. Code 9);
- (c) coordinate assessment and remediation activities with political subdivisions, site owners, and Brownfields Program staff as necessary;
- (d) identify sites potentially eligible for financial assistance through the Brownfields Program (educational/outreach materials pertaining to the targeted funding sources would be provided to firms and the Brownfields Program would be responsible for eligibility determinations);
- (e) evaluate available technical information to develop site-specific scopes of work for approval per RISC guidelines;
- (f) conduct all necessary technical activities to complete environmental assessment and remediation activities to achieve site closure in accordance with site-specific scopes of work, Indiana's UST Rule, and IDEM's RISC guidance, including but not limited to:
 - (1) project management
 - (2) communication with Brownfields Program staff regarding project progress, scheduling of field work and budget updates
 - (3) project-specific health and safety plan development and implementation
 - (4) remedial/corrective action work plan development
 - (5) abandoned UST identification and identification of contaminant preferential pathways via geophysical methods
 - (6) UST removal and UST system closure
 - (7) soil, groundwater, and contaminant vapor sampling
 - (8) contaminant identification, delineation, and fate and transport modeling
 - (9) monitoring well installation and groundwater gauging
 - (10) site and monitoring well surveying
 - (11) utilization of environmental laboratories capable of providing RISC-compliant analysis of samples and electronic data production
 - (12) containerization, characterization, and appropriate disposal of investigation and remediation derived wastes

- (13) overpacking, characterization, and appropriate disposal of existing site wastes contained in drums/containers
- (14) light non-aqueous phase and dense non-aqueous phase liquid identification, characterization, removal, and disposal
- (15) remedial system design, implementation, installation, operation, maintenance and system discharge reporting
- (16) confirmatory sampling
- (17) interim project reporting
- (18) closure sampling
- (19) non-default risk-based closure assessments
- (20) final project/closure reporting (please note that all deliverables will be required to be submitted to the Brownfields Program in both electronic and paper format)
- (21) detailed project invoicing prepared in accordance with Brownfields Program guidance and/or federal requirements (including reporting requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), including, but not limited to, jobs created and/or retained as a result of work performed and the associated payroll of those employees working on projects funded with ARRA funds)
- (22) basic site restoration, including compacted excavation backfill and utility and sidewalk/curb infrastructure replacement/repairs
- (23) such other tasks deemed necessary to achieve site-specific project (assessment and/or remedial) goals

III. TERMS, CONDITIONS and EXCEPTIONS

- (a) This RFQ is not an invitation to bid nor is it a request for proposal under the procurement provisions of the Indiana Code.
- (b) The Authority does not create any obligation, expressed or implied, of any kind or description in issuing this RFQ or receiving a response. Neither this RFQ nor the response shall be construed as a legal offer.
- (c) The Authority reserves the right to alter, amend, or modify any provisions of this RFQ, or to withdraw this RFQ, at any time prior to the award of a contract resulting from qualification under this process, if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.
- (d) The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all responses without cause, waive irregularities in all procedures related to this RFQ, make inquiries of Respondents and their references and clients regarding qualifications or information submitted as part of their responses as deemed necessary, conduct personal interviews of any or all Respondents, and request and receive additional information as the Authority deems necessary.
- (e) The Authority has adopted many of the required State of Indiana boilerplate contractual provisions. The Authority hereby puts Respondents on notice that a successful award at the end of the process will be contingent upon the agreement between the Authority and a Respondent complying with these standard contractual provisions (including, but not limited to, drug-free

workplace certifications, minority and women business enterprise compliance, nondiscrimination certifications, licensing standards, certifications relating to HIPAA, certifications regarding telephone certifications, and certifications relating the State of Indiana ethics policies).

- (f) Work performed under agreements resulting from this qualification may be subject to federal contractual provisions. The Authority hereby puts Respondents on notice that a successful award at the end of this process may be contingent upon an agreement between the Authority and the Respondent to comply with standard federal contractual provisions, including, but not limited to, minimum Federal (Davis-Bacon) wage rates.
- (g) Qualification under this RFQ may result in a project-specific agreement funded through the ARRA and, therefore, subject to the reporting and operational requirements of the ARRA. Respondents to this solicitation must acknowledge their willingness to provide the information necessary for the Authority to comply with all report requirements defined by the Federal Government for ARRA funds. Reports required by Federal agencies and the State of Indiana may include, but not be limited to, performance indicators of program deliverables, information on costs and progress against timelines. Failure by qualified Respondents to comply with the terms, conditions and requirements of the ARRA as outlined in a project-specific agreement may result in the Respondent having to reimburse the Authority funds disbursed by the Authority for services provided.
- (h) In the event the Respondents selected do not enter into the required agreement to carry out the purposes described in this RFQ, the Authority may, in addition to any other rights and remedies available at law or in equity, commence negotiations with another person or entity.
- (i) In no event shall any obligation of any kind be enforceable against the Authority unless and until a written agreement is entered into.
- (j) By submitting a response to this RFQ, each Respondent waives all rights to protest or seek remedies whatsoever regarding any aspect of this RFQ, the selection of a Respondent or Respondents with whom to negotiate, the rejection of any or all offers to negotiate, or a decision to terminate negotiations.
- (k) Respondents selected may not solicit or undertake additional business in a community while performing activities under a project-specific agreement with the Authority related to activities included in this RFQ. When working under a project-specific agreement, the Authority expects the Respondent to be performing activities under its project-specific agreement and not doing other business at the project location and charging such time to the project. If the Authority determines that a Respondent conducted activities outside the scope of its project-specific agreement with the Authority and charged the Authority costs for such activities, the Authority will not reimburse such activities and such actions may result in termination of the project-specific agreement.

- (l) The Authority will not assume any responsibility or liability for any expenses incurred by a Respondent, or prospective Respondent, in connection with the preparation or delivery of a response, requested interview, or any action related to the process of completing and submitting a response to this RFQ.

IV. RESPONSES

On or before May 11, 2009, Respondents should submit **one original written response, three (3) paper copies, and one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on CD or DVD** to:

**Indiana Finance Authority RFQ
Environmental Consulting Services
c/o Indiana Brownfields Program
Attn: Sara Westrick Corbin
100 North Senate Avenue, Room 1275
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Sealed qualifications must be received **no later than 12:00 pm (Noon) (E.D.T.) on May 11, 2009**, at the address listed above. Responses that do not arrive by the above-stated time **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. No more than one (1) response per Respondent should be submitted. Responses must be clearly marked on the outside of the package with the following description:

**“Indiana Finance Authority Request for Qualifications –
Environmental Consulting Services”**

Please note the following:

- (a) The Authority will not be held responsible for qualification envelopes mishandled, misrouted, or delivered late as a result of the envelope not being properly prepared. **Facsimile qualifications will NOT be considered** unless otherwise authorized; however, qualifications received prior to the response deadline may be modified by fax or written notice provided such notice is received on or before the response deadline.
- (b) For ease of evaluation, the qualifications should be presented in a format that corresponds to and references sections outlined within this RFQ and should be presented in the same order. Responses to each section and subsection should be labeled so as to indicate which item is being addressed. Exceptions to this will be considered during the evaluation process. If the Respondent wishes to provide other supplemental information, it should be segregated at the end of the response document and identified separately from the information requested.
- (c) An individual or individual(s) legally authorized to bind the Respondent must sign the qualification.

- (d) Any questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted **in an email** to **Sara Westrick Corbin** at swestrick@ifa.in.gov and **Meredith Gramelspacher** at mgramels@ifa.in.gov no later than **12:00 (Noon) E.D.T. on May 4, 2009**. **Questions received after 12:00 (Noon) E.D.T. on such date will not be considered.** A timely response to an emailed question will be provided to the Respondent. Depending upon the content and scope of the question, responses to questions received by the Authority may be posted on the Brownfields Program Web site at <http://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/2361.htm> for the benefit of all potential Respondents.
- (e) **Other than as provided above, INQUIRIES PERTAINING TO THE RFQ ARE NOT TO BE DIRECTED TO ANY STAFF MEMBER OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY OR ANY STATE-RELATED EMPLOYEE.** Any such action may disqualify the Respondent from further consideration. Respondents may not rely upon verbal responses to any inquiry.

V. SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

On or before May 18, 2009, the Authority intends to announce the Respondents that have been qualified. However, the Authority reserves the right to modify that date and/or forego, without cause, the selection process.

The Authority will review all of the responses in the following manner:

1. Each response will be evaluated on the basis of the threshold eligibility and selection criteria listed below.
2. The Authority reserves the right to conduct interviews of any Respondent it deems necessary as a part of its evaluation of responses. Based on the results of that evaluation, the response(s) determined to be most advantageous to the Authority, taking into account all of the evaluation criteria, may be selected by the Authority for further action.
3. The Authority supports the "Buy Indiana" initiative. It is a strong preference that Respondents meet the definition of an Indiana Business. Please refer to the following website to see if you fit within the definition and to learn more about the "Buy Indiana" initiative: <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2467.htm>.

Responses will be evaluated based upon the documented ability of the Respondent to satisfy the requirements of this RFQ. **Threshold eligibility requirements** include the following:

- (a) Quality, timeliness, and thoroughness of the response submitted.
- (b) Have a substantial Indiana presence such that a sufficient number of staff will be available to undertake assessment and remediation work under this process and will not be traveling from out-of-state for such work unless sites are located within a reasonable distance of state lines.
- (c) Have at least one (1) full-time **Indiana** licensed professional geologist in good standing.

- (d) Have at least one (1) full-time **Indiana** licensed professional engineer in good standing.
- (e) Have at least one (1) full-time "Environmental Professional" as defined under the federal AAI rule (40 C.F.R. Pt. 312.2)
- (f) Not be included on any current debarment or exclusion list created or maintained by a State of Indiana agency, quasi-agency, or affiliated entity.

If a Respondent does not satisfy the threshold eligibility requirements above, the response will not be further evaluated and scoring will not be completed.

The State of Indiana is interested in encouraging the participation of minority-owned and woman-owned firms, minority and female environmental professionals. If a Respondent does not meet the minimum criteria listed above and it is a minority-owned or woman-owned environmental consulting firm, please identify formal partnerships or associations that have been or will be created in order to meet the threshold eligibility requirements outlined above. If a partnership is formed, please designate which firm is the "lead firm." Please note: multiple firms may partner to meet the qualifications in the RFQ; however, each firm, *unless it is a minority-owned or woman-owned firm*, must satisfy the threshold eligibility requirements individually.

Respondents that satisfy the threshold eligibility requirements above will be evaluated against the **additional selection criteria** listed below. The evaluation point allocation associated with each factor is indicated, as is the percentage of the total evaluation score. Total possible points are 100.

1. [30%] Experience and proficiency of the Respondent and its personnel pertaining to:
 - a) environmental investigation and remediation of hazardous substances contamination
 - b) environmental investigation and remediation of petroleum contamination
 - c) underground storage tank closure/removal
2. [15%] Experience and knowledge of the Respondent and its personnel pertaining to brownfield redevelopment, including any history of interaction with the Brownfields Program, including timeliness of providing requested information, consistency in timely providing required notice of field work, familiarity with Brownfields Program policies and procedures, etc.
3. [15%] Experience and knowledge of the Respondent and its personnel pertaining to assessment and remediation of leaking underground storage tank (LUST) sites, including any history of interaction with IDEM's LUST Program and familiarity with Indiana UST Rule (329 IAC 9) and LUST Program policies and procedures, etc.
4. [10%] Familiarity of the Respondent and its personnel pertaining to:
 - a) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), including specifically current AAI and ASTM environmental standards
 - b) IDEM's RISC procedures outlined in the RISC Technical and User Guides

- c) other current rules, regulations, statutes (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), IC 13-24-1 (Petroleum Releases law), IC 13-25-4 (State Cleanup law), and IC 13-25-5 (Voluntary Remediation Program)), guidance documents, and non-rule policy documents pertaining to assessment and remediation of hazardous substances and/or petroleum-contaminated sites
- 5. [5%] Experience of the Respondent and its personnel of working on contaminated sites using federal grant/loan funds (e.g., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brownfields assessment or cleanup grants)
- 6. [15%] Demonstrated experience in developing and managing a timeline and an aggressive project schedule.
- 7. [10%] Capacity of the Respondent, based on staff levels, workload, and geographic availability (based on office location(s)), to undertake concurrent assessment and/or remediation activities statewide.

VI. REQUIRED RESPONDENT INFORMATION

The Authority requires the following information be included in the response in order to conduct its evaluation and complete scoring. Additional information may be and is encouraged to be submitted in order for the Authority to better evaluate the selection criteria listed above. A concise yet comprehensive collection of information is requested.

1. General Information

- (a) Name and title of individual(s) designated as the point(s) of contact for the Respondent, including business mailing address, fax and telephone numbers, and email address(es).
- (b) A brief description of the history of the Respondent, its capabilities, and how selection of the Respondent would benefit the Authority.
- (c) A brief description of the Respondent's ability to meet the needs outlined in the Scope of Work section.
- (d) Relevant biographical information with respect to the personnel of the Respondent who would be assuming primary responsibility for Authority projects, including those meeting the definition of "Environmental Professional" per AAI guidance, **Indiana** licensed professional geologist(s), and **Indiana** licensed professional engineer(s). Please identify the applicable Respondent personnel and their respective responsibilities as they will relate to the requirements of, and activities included in, this RFQ. Please limit response to ten (10) or fewer individuals.
- (e) Narrative discussion on the health and safety practices/programs of the Respondent, including a description of the Respondent's Occupational Safety and Health Administration safety record for the last three years.

- (f) List of equipment that the Respondent owns and has available to utilize for assessment and remediation activities, e.g. push probe, global positioning system, photoionization detector, geophysical equipment, etc.
- (g) Identification of sub-contractors that may be used by the Respondent in the performance of activities listed in the above Scope of Work section. Please provide a brief description of the Respondent's prior working relationship with the identified sub-contractors and any other relevant information. If specific sub-contractors cannot be listed by name, please provide a general description of the type of services anticipated to be provided through the use of sub-contractors. *Please note: Respondents will not be required to utilize the subcontractors identified in their RFQ response. However, if substitutions are not pre-approved by the Authority, then the Respondent's site-specific agreement will be terminated and the Respondent will be disqualified from bidding on future work in conjunction with this RFQ. In addition, any payments made to a subcontractor that has not been qualified by the Authority may be required to be reimbursed by Respondent to the Authority.*

2. Previous Experience

- (a) Provide a summary of the Respondent's past two (2) years experience with assessing and remediating sites contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum, organized by the following types of projects and remedial methods. Please limit responses to no more than two (2) pages of narrative description per type of project or remedial approach (under (3) below). Summary charts of project specific information may be substituted for narrative descriptions.
 - (1) Soil, groundwater, and contaminant vapor identification, assessment and delineation
 - (2) Asbestos assessment and abatement
 - (3) Remedial methods, including but not limited to:
 - i. Soil excavation and disposal
 - ii. In-situ soil vapor extraction
 - iii. Ex-situ soil treatment
 - iv. Groundwater extraction and treatment
 - v. In-situ air sparging
 - vi. In-situ biological treatment
 - vii. In-situ chemical oxidation
 - viii. Phytoremediation
 - ix. Groundwater containment / Barrier system
 - x. Monitored natural attenuation / Risk analysis
 - xi. Free product removal
 - xii. Vapor intrusion mitigation
 - xiii. Other
- (b) Please estimate the number of Indiana site closures obtained by the Respondent in the past two (2) years. Examples of site closures should include documented Site Status Letters, Comfort Letters, No Further Action Letters, Certificate of Completion determinations issued by IDEM involving hazardous substances and/or petroleum contamination and leaking UST

closures. Please include client's name, project dates, project name, community in which the project was located, Respondent and governmental employees involved (if client was a governmental entity), and original estimated and final costs. For client confidential projects, the Respondent may omit the client and project name if desired but should include details related to costs. Please limit your response to this sub-section to no more than two pages of narrative or chart summarization.

- (c) Describe in two (2) pages or less the Respondent's experience with fixed-price remediation contracts and the Respondent's success rate in achieving cleanup targets within the constraints of the applicable contract terms, including aggressive project schedules.
- (d) Discuss any experience conducting and reporting on U.S. EPA-funded assessment and/or cleanup projects.
- (e) Provide a history of any previous work on contract with the Indiana Finance Authority and/or Indiana Brownfields Program.
- (f) Provide a history of any previous work on contract with the State of Indiana related to another IDEM remediation program, including specifically the LUST Program.
- (g) Summarize experience in conducting assessment and remediation work under IDEM's RISC.
- (h) Summarize experience performing Phase I and Phase II assessments compliant with ASTM standards, including AAI-compliant Phase Is (ASTM E-1527-05 Standard).
- (i) Provide a list of projects that demonstrate Respondent's familiarity or experience pertaining to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Indiana Spill Rule, and Indiana's Underground Storage Tank (IC 13-23-13), Petroleum Releases (IC 13-24-1), State Cleanup (13-25-4), and Voluntary Remediation (IC 13-25-5) laws.
- (j) List any trainings, conferences, or seminars attended by Respondent that are applicable to activities under the scope of this RFQ, including but not limited to IDEM Consultants Day, IDEM RISC Conference, AAI training, National Brownfields Conference, etc.

3. Capacity and Geographic Coverage Area

Please discuss the Respondent's capacity to undertake concurrent assessment and/or remediation activities statewide. Indicate the number of personnel that will be available to perform assessment and/or remediation work and indicate the regions or areas of the state in which the Respondent is available to perform assessment and/or remediation work. Please note: for this RFQ, the state will not be divided into regions to which one Respondent will be assigned; Respondents will be selected to satisfy the Brownfields Program's expectation that assessment and remediation work conducted in conjunction

with this RFQ will be performed statewide, and that personnel will not be traveling from out-of-state unless sites are located within a reasonable distance of state lines. However, if a Respondent prefers to work in a certain region of the state, please indicate such preference.

4. Client & Financial References

Please provide contact information for three (3) client references that can provide information on the nature and results of site assessment and remediation work (hazardous substances and petroleum) that the firm has performed during the last two years. Please also provide contact information for three (3) references that can provide information about the entity's financial status.

5. Other

Please provide any additional information that you consider relevant to the evaluation of the Respondent's submittal. Any such information should be segregated at the end of the response document.

6. Transmittal Letter/Important Administrative Information

Please provide the following important information within the letter transmitting your response (Transmittal Letter). Responses that do not include the following information may be disqualified.

- (a) Respondent shall certify that to the best of its knowledge, all information provided herein is accurate and complete. Any misrepresentation by a Respondent shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Authority of the true facts relating to the qualification.
- (b) Respondent shall disclose any information that may materially impair the Respondent's ability to provide the level of service required. Qualifications which appear unrealistic in terms of commitments, lack of technical competence, or are indicative of failure to comprehend the complexity of this RFQ, may be rejected.
- (c) Respondent shall disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the contractual services resulting from this RFQ. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict should be disclosed. By submitting a qualification in response to this RFQ, Respondents affirm that they have not given, nor intend to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant or any employee or representative of same, in connection with this qualification process. Any attempt to intentionally or unintentionally conceal or obfuscate a conflict of interest will automatically result in the disqualification of a Respondent's qualification. Qualification will not be made where a conflict of interest exists. The Authority will determine whether a conflict of interest exists and whether it may reflect negatively on the Authority's selection of a Respondent. The Authority reserves the right to disqualify any Respondent on the grounds of actual or apparent conflict of interest.

- (d) Respondent shall disclose details of any past and/or current relevant criminal investigation, pending litigation, regulatory or civil enforcement action in which your firm is or was involved during the past five years.
- (e) Respondent shall acknowledge its willingness to provide the information necessary for the Authority to comply with all report requirements defined by the Federal Government for ARRA funds (e.g., payroll).

VII. TIMELINE

The following calendar will generally be followed. The Authority reserves the right to alter this calendar as it deems necessary.

April 13, 2009: The RFQ is released.

May 4, 2009: 12:00 p.m. (Noon) deadline to submit questions about RFQ by email.

May 11, 2009: All responses to this RFQ are due by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) (E.D.T.) on this date. No late responses will be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to conduct interviews of any Respondent it deems necessary as a part of its evaluation of responses.

May 18, 2009: The Respondents qualified under this RFQ will be notified of the Authority's decision on or before this date.